

# LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health  
March 10, 2015

## I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:05 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, Alan Doster, Doug Emery, Craig Strong, Molly Burton (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Karla Lester, Jacquelyn Miller, Michelle Petersen, Michael Tavlin and Brittany Behrens (ex-officio).

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Steve Beal, Andrea Haberman, Dave Humm, Randy Fischer, and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Brad Meyer, Kyla Richardson.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked that Current Business – People’s Health Center Update be moved before the Department Reports on the agenda. She asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Mr. Strong. Motion carried by acclamation.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the February 10, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by acclamation.

## III. PUBLIC SESSION

### DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead stated the County is working with Dr. Jason Kruger on an agreement to serve as Medical Director of the Emergency Operations Center. The agreement will be presented to the County Board of Commissioners in the near future.

Ms. Halstead stated she is working the UNMC College of Public Health on workforce development. Public health students will begin doing some work at our

Department in April.

Ms. Halstead stated the WIC Program continues to see increases and the Department has received increased funding for renovation of the North 27<sup>th</sup> Street Office from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Staff continue to meet with Public Works and the Mayor's Office to explore options for expanding Household Hazardous Waste services and a permanent facility. A report and recommendations will be presented in the near future.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. People's Health Center Update

Ms. Halstead introduced Brad Meyer, CEO of People's Health Center. Mr. Meyer provided an update on People's Health Center. He began employment on September 15, 2014. People's Health Center is a federally qualified health center and provides care for uninsured and underinsured individuals. In 2014 the Center provided care to 9,355 patients with 34,000 patient visits. The staff includes three physicians, four nurse practitioners, two dentists and one dental hygienist. Derek Anderson, MD, has been hired as the Center's full-time medical director. The Center has been under capacity for quite some time and the People's Health Center Board of Directors tasked him to expand services and see more patients. The Center received a grant for \$109,000 to open an Urgent Care Clinic. The Center is also a part of the Health 360 project funded by a three year grant from the Community Health Endowment. The Center works with Lutheran Family Services and Center Pointe to provide integrated medical and behavioral health services. He stated another physician will be hired for the Health 360 project and by the end of the year the Center will be able to serve an additional 5,000 patients with the added staff. The Center also participates in the 340B Pharmacy Program which allows federal health centers to purchase medication at a discounted rate. Participating pharmacies include Wagey/Kohll's Pharmacy and Walgreens. Ms. Amundson stated the Lancaster County Commissioners are very excited about the Health360 Project. Ms. Halstead thanked Mr. Meyer for attending the meeting and providing information on the Center.

B. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to monitor and follow the 2015 Legislative Session. Bills of interest include: LB 472 – Redesign of Medicaid to increase efficiencies and better serve Nebraskans in the medical assistance program; LB 31 – Eliminate motorcycle and moped helmet requirements – General File; LB 332 – MEDS Disposal Program – appropriate funds for implementation of a statewide prescription drug disposal project; LB 233 – Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services -Public Health Funds – Hearing Monday, March 16, 2015 – Appropriations Committee; and LB 118 – Licensure of Cigar Shops. Ms. Halstead will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health at monthly meetings.

C. Colon Cancer Program Update

Mr. Humm provided an update on the Colon Cancer Program. He stated the Lancaster Crusade Against Colon Cancer is a partnership of community agencies and volunteers who work together to increase colon cancer awareness in the community. Highlights also included: colon cancer facts including colon cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cancer causing death, the State Theme – 2015 – “I don’t have time for colon cancer.”, the Nebraska State Capitol Lit Blue on March 13-15, 2015, colon cancer awareness promotions, pharmacist education and outreach efforts, and outcomes of staff with distribution of FOBT kits and patient follow-up.

D. Tornado Exercise After Action Report

Mr. Fischer provided an update on the Tornado Exercise – Operation Take Cover - held on February 11, 2015. The Department sponsored exercise was attended by 45 agencies and 135 individuals. He stated the exercise went very well and provided a great opportunity for collaboration. He reviewed the highlights of the exercise and noted the strengths and areas for improvement. Areas for improvement included increased communication with the private sector, patient tracking system, MOUs between facilities, Windstream’s capabilities, communication coordination and dealing with the media. Participants developed an Improvement Plan and he noted the Department is working with several long term care facilities on overall emergency planning. Overall, the exercise was excellent and feedback was very positive. Another table top exercise is planned for next year – Operation Unfriendly Skies – to coincide with the Blue Angels visit to Lincoln.

Ms. Amundson and Mr. Strong attended the exercise stating the exercise was well received and thanked staff for their facilitation.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Health Luncheon and Awards Ceremony -Wednesday, April 8, 2015  
11:30 AM at the Bryan Health – East Conference Center

Next Meeting – April 14, 2015 - 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Elaine Severe  
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller  
Vice-President

